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RE: Support to condition funds for transit expansion on transit-supportive land use

Dear Ted Droettboom, MTC & ABAG Commissioners:

From both my former academic perspective as an instructor of urban geography and regional planning, as well as my current role in promoting Safe Routes to Transit, I have no doubt regarding the merits of the Livable Communities Platform. Land use and transportation have been intimately coupled since medieval times when the typical journey to work was either down a flight of stairs to a street-level shop, or out the farmhouse door to the field. Now we need sane controls to reduce the ever-increasing journeys and growing separation of the workplace from the home. Only through coupling land-use AND transportation policies can we ultimately control expenditures on transportation.

Please adopt the Livable Communities Platform and fund transit expansion at sites where the land-use patterns encourage walking and bicycling to transit.

Sincerely,

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